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Before examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claims 1 - 27, and add new Claims 28 - 59 as follows:

28. (New) A method for transferring data on a network from a data source to an end station executing a multi-layer network protocol, including a network layer and at least one higher layer, through a network interface on the end station, comprising:

receiving in the network interface a packet which carries a data payload from a block of data in the data source, and a control field identifying the packet;

determining based on the control field in the network interface whether the packet matches a flow specification, and if so transferring the data payload in the packet directly to a target buffer assigned by a process at a layer higher than the network layer.

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